Dam of Kumbalam thodu.

13. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a dam at Kumbalam thodu wherefrom water is being taken through pipes to the Sabarimala temple;

(*b*) what is the capacity of the dam;

(*c*) whether more water could not be stored if the capacity of the dam is increased;

(*d*) the number of pipes that come from the dam and its size:

(*e*) the number of taps in the temple and premises; and

(*f*) whether more taps could not be opened if the capacity of the dam is increased which would enable the numberless pilgrims to get more water?

Dewan Bahadur L. Veakatakrishnan (*Chief Engineer P. W. D.*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) About 1,000 C. ft.

(*c*) No. The dam is not intended for a storage reservoir, and as such by raising the crest of the dam an adequate storage reservoir cannot be secured.

(*d*) One main pipe 2″ about 2600 ft. long with 1½″ and 1″. branches thereof.

(*e*) 3 taps within the temple compound and 3 taps outside.

(*f*) Yes.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know from the honourable member whether more water could not be stored by raising the crest of the dam?

Dewan Bahadur L. Venkatakrishnan: My information at present is that more could not be stored.

Town Planning Scheme.

14. ***Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any town planning scheme was sanctioned by them in respect of any of the Municipalities; and

(*b*) if so, in respect of which of the Municipalities has the scheme been sanctioned?

Dewan Bahadur L. Venkatakrishnan: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Trivandrum Corporation.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: May I know from the honourable member whether the Corporation of Trivandrum has submitted a scheme regarding town planning.

Dewan Bahadur L. Venkatakrishnan: They have not, a scheme has been referred to them.

President: I hope they will. They have taken about seven years to submit a scheme.

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